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# Master's degree



## **European Economic Policy**

HTW Berlin University of Applied Sciences • Berlin

### Overview

Degree	Master of Arts (Joint Degree)
In cooperation with	UAS BFI Vienna – FH des BFI Wien
Teaching language	<ul><li>German</li><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	While the curriculum of the programme is taught almost entirely in German, students will have to be able to understand documents and data provided in English, such as EU policy and legislation papers. It is also planned to offer several courses taught in English within the pool of elective modules.
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The entire curriculum of the joint Master's degree programme is taught on campus, and while some forms of digital aids might be used in order to enhance the students' learning experience, it will not be possible to study extensive parts of this programme remotely.
Application deadline	1 December for the following summer semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	The curriculum of the Specialisation Semester 1 ("Vertiefungssemester 1") comprises content-related and methodological knowledge in order to identify current and future cross-border challenges and to develop and question solution strategies. In particular, students will gain an understanding of the causes and handling of cross-border economic and political crises and will be able to work out lessons and strategies for future integration. As a further focus, students are shown the challenges of digitalisation and then develop policy strategies in order to shape the

digital transformation. Students classify the political systems in European member states and the European Union, and they identify similarities and differences that need to be taken into account when formulating political strategies. They also learn about the instruments of economic policy counselling and project management and apply them in a European policy context. By taking two compulsory elective modules in each of the specialisation semesters, students deepen their knowledge in economics and/or political science.

The curriculum in Specialisation Semester 2 imparts knowledge to identify goals and challenges for the European integration process in the light of the interests of different stakeholders and to develop problem-solving strategies. In addition, students deal with the role of political interest groups in the European Union and the complex coexistence and interaction of political governance of national and European institutions in the multilevel system of the EU. Additionally, they consider the resulting implications when analysing and developing economic policy strategies. Following on from the challenges of structural change, students in the Specialisation Semester Two will deal with questions of European sustainability policy and the implications of climate change. Furthermore, students deepen their understanding of the fundamentals of empirical social and economic research, apply statistical data provided by the EU for empirical analyses and country comparisons, and critically examine the quantitative and qualitative methods used in the context of European policy coordination and policy evaluation.

In the final semester, students work independently at their home university on a complex, practice-relevant problem with a European focus as part of their Master's theses, using economics and/or political science methods. They utilise specialist, methodological and research skills and in particular methods for data collection and data analysis learned during their studies. Moreover, students present their research work in the Master's seminar as well as in the colloquium. They discuss and defend their results and thus gain experience in academic discourse.

### **Course Details**

Course organisation	» PDF Download
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul> <li>Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)</li> </ul>
Description of other international elements	The international orientation of the Master's EWP programme is emphasised by thematically addressing issues of European economic policy in all modules of the curriculum.
Integrated/optional study abroad unit(s)	A mobility semester at our partner university in Vienna is an integral part of the common study plan for all students enrolled in the programme.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Semester contribution

Depending on the place of study (Vienna during the Specialisation Semester One, and Berlin during Specialisation Semester Two and the Final Semester) and whether a transportation ticket is included, the semester contribution may vary between roughly 150 to 500 EUR.

Funding opportunities within the university

No

## Requirements / Registration

#### Academic admission requirements

Applicants are required to have the following:

They must have an undergraduate degree with 210 ECTS in the Bachelor's degree programme in "Economics and Politics (Wirtschaft und Politik)" at HTW Berlin or comparable degree programmes in Economics, Political Science, Social Sciences or European studies.

Applicants need at least 55 ECTS from courses in economics and political science, including at least 10 ECTS in each discipline. Students can also apply with fewer than 210 ECTS, but they should have at least 180 ECTS if they present additional relevant achievements. These include, for example, achievements from subject-specific professional activity after the first academic degree, or additional subject-specific internships or modules that are demonstrably not part of their Bachelor's degree. The selection committee decides on the recognition of possible prior achievements. Admission may be granted subject to the completion of further modules, for example, from the compulsory elective module catalogue of the Master's degree programme in European Economic Policy.

#### Language requirements

In order to enrol in this Master's programme, students are required to have a proficient level in the German language.

If their university entrance certificate or first academic degree was not completed in German and German is not the applicant's native language, the applicant will have to demonstrate his or her German level by passing the German Language Test for University Entrance (DSH) or submitting an equivalent certificate.

Good knowledge of English is required, too.

#### Application deadline

1 December for the following summer semester

#### Submit application to

More information can be found on our website: https://ewp.htw-berlin.de/bewerbung/.

### **Services**

#### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

Welcome event

#### General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

Both in Berlin and in Vienna, students will be supported by the various members of staff of the international offices and within the respective faculties.

There will be welcome events and activities as well as guidance with regards to finding suitable

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